(ii) If WLL solution is not workable due to technical reasons a new exchange will be planned with minimum registered demand of 75 within the local areas of that exchange.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Non-separation of accounts by BSNL

418. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL) continues to have just one consolidated account for all its services despite TRAI's guidelines regarding separation of accounts;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken for separation of accounts; and

(d) by when it would be made effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) The TRAI has not issued any formal guidelines for separation of accounts. However, separate accounts are being prepared for the fixed and mobile services and are being consolidated at Circle and Corporate Office level.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Closing down of Media Lab Asia Research Project

419. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to close down the Media Lab Asia Research Project very soon;

(b) if so, the reasons for suspending the project;

(c) whether Government are considering to restructure Media Lab Asia Research Project instead of closing it down; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SU. THIRUNAVUKKARASAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Government has approved the full scope programme of restructured Media Lab Asia for a period of nine years. It has been decided to set up a Steering Committee to suggest an organizational structure for the project in alignment with the prevailing practice in the Government and its R&D institutions. Media Lab Asia will continue to be a "not for profit" company under section 25 of the Indian Companies Act, 1956. The existing Board of Directors would be recast by including members drawn, *inter-alia*, from academia.

Failure of Sena Bhawan Exchange

†420. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telephones of Parliament House, Ministers and Members of Parliament were out of order on the 5th June, 2003 due to failure of Sena Bhawan Exchange;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken to prevent the recurrence of such incident in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Sir, there was a break-down of Rajpath Telephone Exchange on 5th June, 2003 for six hours which effected subscribers from its remote line units (RLU) including that connected from Sena Bhawan RLU.

(b) An expert committee constituted for investigating the cause of failure has reported that the Exchange failed due to fault in battery back-up.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.